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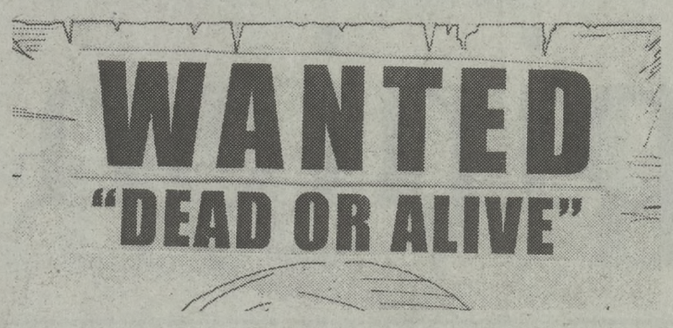

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Islam: A Brief Look

By: OLIVER CACANANTA
STAR REPORTER

When 18 Muslim men of Arab decent crashed into America's centers of financial and military power in the name of Allah or God, killing thousands of innocent people, Islam came under scrutiny.

It already had a reputation in the United States as a breeding ground for terrorists.

But as the preceding passage from the holy Quran indicates and is reiterated by most people in the Muslim community in the past weeks, Islam is one of peace, justice and tolerance. Islam means peace, one that is achieved upon committing one's life to God.

"There are no justifications whatsoever to the killing of innocent in the name of religion," said Waffaa Khattab, teacher, activist and founder of the Muslim Women's League of North America.

Early History: Islam, like Judaism and Christianity, traces its roots to the biblical patriarch Abraham through his eldest son Ishmael. Its movement began when his descendant, the Prophet Muhammad, was born in 569 C.E. in Mecca.

At 40, married to a successful merchant named Khadija, he had a revelation from God, which became the basis for the Quran. While Islam considers many of its patriarchal ancestors prophets, even revering Jesus as one of God's greatest messengers, Muhammad is considered the last, final and most important prophet.

In the following years, political and armed struggles against Christians, Jews and pagans across northern Arabia ensued; and in the next few centuries, when Europe was in its dark ages, the Islamic empire had stretched from the Iberian Peninsula into Asia and was spreading into the archipelagoes of Southeast Asia.

Islam had its renaissance – in architecture, art, music, science, astronomy, exploration, mathematics and commerce – that produced a rich culture of scholarship and discovery.

The Crusades: Between the 12th and the 17th centuries, Christian communities mounted a fierce campaign against the Islamic world that culminated in the death of thousands of Muslims across the Middle East and elsewhere.

Inquisitions in Europe brought the forced conversion of its Muslim citizens into Christianity. Battles raged between Christian, Jewish and Muslim forces to capture Jerusalem. There were massacres and there was grief.

The Crusades, as they were known, created deep resentments within the Muslim world, and to this day the word "crusader" is treated with disdain.

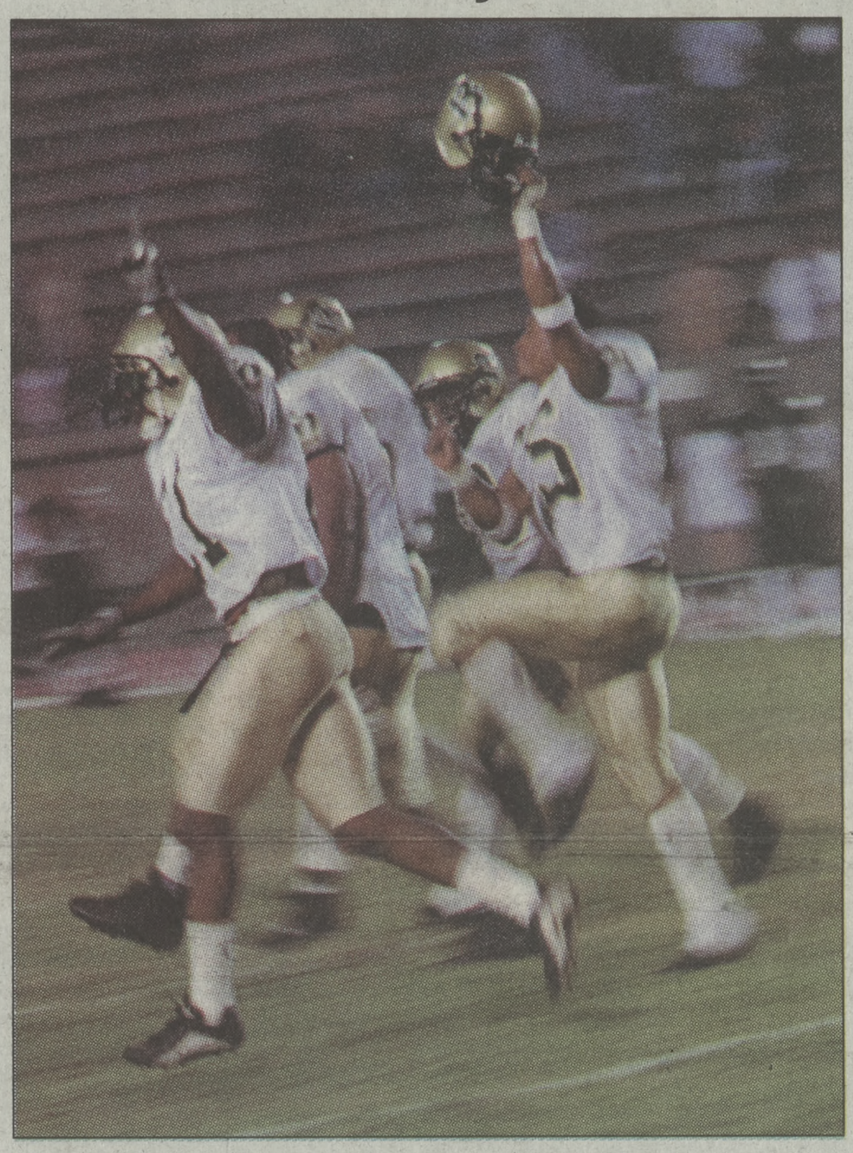
Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the terrorist attacks, counted on those feelings when he called for jihad, or holy war, against the "American crusanders."

"There are many people who would manipulate religion to get what they want," said Khattab. "Bin Laden's thinking is if you hurt his cousin he will kill your entire family." That is the mind of evil, and that is not Islam."

Muslims Today: Islam follows the Six Pillars of Belief. Its one billion followers hail from every corner of the globe – from the streets of London and Paris, to the suburbs of California, to the deserts of Morocco and Saudi Arabia, to the slums of Kaula Lumpur and Manila.

Overall there are about fifty countries with predominantly Muslim populations, and many more nations with sizable numbers. Only about 18% of Muslims live in the Arab region. In fact, Indonesia today is the most populous Islamic nation in the world.

Monarch Victory Dance



Monarchs celebrate first win of the season against East Los Angeles College and will play Santa Barbara College at home Saturday, 7 p.m.
STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

Mullti-Cultural Event to Help Promote Unity

BY SAMANTHA KUPPIG
STAR REPORTER

Two area organizations will gather in November for a concert representing various cultures to promote unity and raise money for struggling students.

The purpose for the event is to provide a positive environment for college-aged adults to have a good time without using drugs and alcohol. They will also learn how they can become involved in school programs targeted at helping them set and reach their goals.

The first annual Los Angeles Multi-Cultural Unity Concert will be held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena on. Nov. 18. All nine of the district's community colleges will be participating in the event.

Among the entertainers featured on the roster are popular mainstream R&B artists. Blu Cantrell, who for seven weeks in a row has held a spot in the top fifty on the Billboard Top 200 Chart. Lil' Mo, who gained recognition as a backup singer for Jay-Z, Timbaland and Missy Elliot and later appeared on the scene with her own album entitled Based on A True Story. Finally, Bilal, who was discovered by Erykah Badu and appeared on her Mama's Gun album. Bilal also worked with Common on his Like Water for Chocolate CD. Bilal's debut , 1st Born Second, was released this past summer.

The event is funded by On Point Management, a San Fernando Valley based company whose specialty is the coordination of entertainment events for community colleges. On Point was founded by president and CEO, Richard Daley who said, "The point (of the concert) is to liberate students, to get them to do something positive for themselves. We need to show the administration that we can hold a peaceful and responsible event."

The Alpha OmegaProject is an organization started by founder and CEO Lou Scott, for at-risk young adults. Through the operation of various programs within the community the AOP encourages young people to attend school and become involved in positive community outreach instead of getting involved with gangs and drugs. Staff members are all ex-gang members or ex-convicts that have been rehabilitated through education and have become successful, functioning members of society. The AOP offers literacy and book exchange programs for public school children, and provides computer science courses to bridge the gap in the divided digital world.

This is the first event in which the AOP and On Point Management have collaborated. The idea came to Daley and On Point Vice President, Jason Hunter seven months ago after promoting an event called United Nations of Valley Colleges

ASU Works for Student Body

BY NJEHU GATABAKI
STAR REPORTER

The Los Angeles Valley College Associated Student Union's (ASU) role on campus is to officially represent and promote a voice on campus for students, and promote student participation in campus activities such as the Dean's Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Campus Concerts.

The organization, located in Monarch Hall Campus Center 102, began in 1949, and is run exclusively by students. Currently, the ASU has the following positions open in the Executive Council: Chief Justice, Attorney General, Parliamentarian, Commissioner of Evening Division and Commissioner of Campus and Environmental Concerns. The ASU urges all students to pick up an application and get involved. Students are eligible to serve on the Executive Council if elected or appointed.

"The ASU is an extra-curricular activity and you get recognition for it," said Francesca Pagnotta, Vice President of the ASU. "We encourage everybody to become a member."

The ASU is fully funded by the $7 fee that students pay for membership, and also recently, through the sale of the campus Bookstore to the district for $1 million.

"We don't touch that money at all," said Angel Melgar, Tresurer of the ASU. "In my opinion , whoever sold the bookstore did a very good job," added Luis Trujillo, President of the ASU.

According to Melgar, other proposals come up that will benefit students on campus. "We go ahead and vote on it and distribute funds based on what would be best for the student body," said Melgar

The ASU and local community businesses, team together to offer registered students discounts on merchandise. The businesses and the ASU are currently in contract negotiations. The full list can be obtained by students in the ASU office.

The ASU, through the Inter-Club Council(ICC), is responsible for chartering new clubs and organizations on campus. In order to establish a new student club or organization, "you should have a constitution-a written outline on the purpose, why it is here and what they plan on doing," said Pagnotta.

Once the constitution is drawn, it should be presented to the ICC for registration. The ICC is also involved in raising money for the ASU through its programs and activities. Such programs involve sponsoring students with a grade point minimum of 3.0 for scholarships.

"They try to make it fun for students on campus," said Trujillo. "I would encourage students to join the ASU because it is part of the Valley family and having fun."

The ASU is in the process of negotiating an estimated $112,484 proposal for a new student lounge in place of the old Lion's Den. According to Sherri A. Rodriguez, the new lounge will be "a unique place on campus for students to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere."

"The new lounge will be state of the art, and number one in the district," said Melgar.

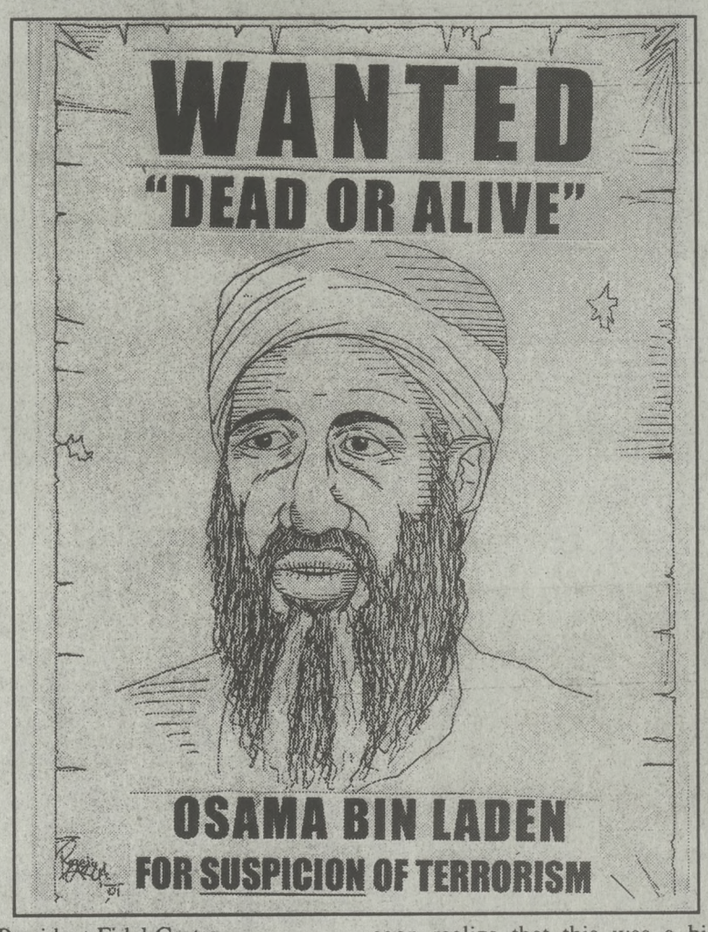
The other section of the facilities will be the resource and educational center, housing 16 computers, a copier machine and a printer. The center will also offer a resource library intended to benefit those students unable to afford textbooks.

The new lounge will be sponsored by the Title V student assistance program headed by Yvette Cruzalequi in collaboration with the ASU and is schedule for completion by mid October.

Opinion

When Americans Attack

By: ROGELIO GARCIA
STAR REPORTER



I cannot find the words to express my deep sadness at the events of the past two weeks. However, my grief does not end with the victims in New York, Washington and Pittsburgh, It includes all other citizens of the United States who have been consumed by rage and to those on the receiving end. In order to fully comprehend the situation we must first realize that we are not loved by the entire world. And we never will be.

Ever since the bombings occurred two weeks ago the newscasts have lamented America's "loss of innocence." I don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but the United States is not as innocent as the news has made us out to be. The point I'm trying to make here is that our government has been involved in some rather horrible acts of terrorism themselves Some actions the U.S has supported or masterminded have angered people in many parts of the world and led them to conclude that America ignores their political or philosophical beliefs and/or are hostile to them. Some prime examples include:

1954: American support to overthrow the Guatemalan government, which left thousands dead.

1960s: Repeated attempts by the CIA to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro.

1961-75: The Vietnam War, which lasted more than a decade and had no victor, just casualties all in the name of democracy.

1973: Covert operation to destabilize Salvador Allende's government in Chile.

Mid70s: U.S Support of Shah of Iran for personal for easier access to oil.

1980s: Support of Contra rebels in Nicaragua and secret arms sales to Iran to finance their cause. We soon realize that this was a big mistake.

1986: The air attacks on Libya

1991: Persian Gulf War

1992-94: U.S. troops in Somalia

1995-99: Bombings over Bosnia to force peace settlements and to drive out Yugoslavian army out of Kosovo.

However, most of us either don't know these events ever occurred or simply decide to cover our eyes with red, white and blue.

This ignorance has caused many of us tremendous anger and animosity for those who we suspect to be guilty or just capable of it. In the wake of increased violence against Arab-Americans, Egyptians, Sikhs, and others who simply fill the description the media has accused of the bombings, many Americans have taken it upon themselves to seek the "enemy" out themselves. In San Gabriel, a storekeeper's murder is being investigated by the FBI as a possible hate crime. Adel Karas, a 48-year-old Egyptian store owner was shot in the chest last Saturday. Nationwide, the FBI is investigating 40 possible hate crimes, including two murders, assaults and arsons that are believed to have been aggravated by the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Some of these racially motivated acts of violence include:

*A drive by shooting outside a gas station in Mesa, Arizona. The victim, Balbir Singh Sodhi, 49, was killed in the attack. The assailant then drove 10 miles to another gas station where he opened fire at a Lebanese-American gas station attendant.

* In Bridgeview, police held up a hostile crowd of protesters who attempted to march into a Muslim mosque. One protester, a 19 year old by the name of Colin Zaremba was quoted saying, "I'm proud to be an American and I hate Arabs and I always have." Nice huh?

Editor-In-Chief Profile

Here I am.

Your editor-in-chief for the Valley Star, Samantha Kuppig.

It's been a long 23 years since birth and it seems even longer since I first attended Valley College when I was seventeen.

Steve King taught the first photography class I took at Valley. He's the best teacher for first-time students. He encouraged and helped me to find direction in my life (even if he didn't know it). I had a passion for photography, but I wasn't interested in photojournalism. Bob Crosby planted the seeds that over the years have blossomed into a love for the subject, even though I opposed it at first. His class helped me find my voice. Shortly after I found my voice I felt I needed to take a break from school and work, so I set off on continuous adventures. A friend of mine and I regularly packed up our supplies in her 1968 VWTransporter Van. We explored many of the national forests and parks in the western United States: Zion, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Joshua Tree, Los Padres National Forest, and the Redwoods from Big Sur to Humboldt County to name a few.

A stroke of luck landed us volunteer positions at Reggae on the River 2000 and 2001. She and I have become a vital part of the parking crew in the Cal-Trans Crunch Crew Lot.

After a year and a half of not going to school and thinking about how I could contribute to society without selling myself short, I finally came around to Crosby's side of the table and realized that photojournalism is the way to go.

I also researched my records and found out that I needed just 12 puny units to receive my AA degree in Photojournalism. Last semester I re-enrolled in school and became part of the Valley Star staff as a photographer. This semester I was asked to come back and take on the seemingly insurmountable task of being Editor-in-Chief.

So here I am.

As the EIC, I would like to welcome any comments you may have about the paper. I am open to hearing from faculty and students about concerns on campus. I can be reached through the Valley Star newsroom at (818) 947-2576 or by e-mail at stareditorsLAVC@hotmail.com.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors,

I am not sure how to begin this. And please take it as constructive criticism. As journalists, I believe that you should have a sense of pride in the product that you produce, The Valley Star. However, I don't see it. As I read your paper, I see nothing but sloppiness. There are many misspellings.[sic] Additionallly, grammatical errors abound, and many of the ideas are not expressed clearly. That is totally unprofessional, especially in this age of wordprocessors that are equipped with both spell and grammar checkers. The LA Times would never allow anything to be published that had such glaring errors. And, if there were even errors in their facts, they would correct them [sic] publically. For example, the issue for 9-13-01, page one, contains in the headline, a misspelling for terrorist, spelled terriost, and attacks, spelled Attacts. And why was it capitalized? Names should be spel led correctly, "Manhatten" is not. And then in the current issue (9-20-01), in the commentary, the wrong homonym is used, bare instead of bear. Does that mean we have to walk around wearing [sic] sleeveless shirts?

The staff of the LA Valley College Library concurs with my observations. I hope you can address this problem and turn out a product that Valley College can be proud of.

.....Dana Lubow

Editor's note:

First and foremost I would like to thank you for your letter. We at the Valley Star welcome all criticism, both positive and negative.

First I would like to address the issue of our pride. There was not one person on campus more disappointed in the errors in the first issue than me. The fact is that it is behind us now. We have corrected this problem as is evident in our second issue. The only thing we as a staff can do is look to the future and produce the paper more carefully. I don't know if you realize it or not, but we had already planned and executed our front page when breaking news hit with the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. We started a fresh page on deadline. We felt it was very important to produce a paper with current campus activities featured. At that time our staff consisted of five active members. I was proud to see the fruits of our hard work published just one day after the tragedy occurred. A lot of people didn't even go to work that day, but our staff was devoted to bringing pertinent information to our students.

The second issue I'd like to address is the expectation of professionalism. The Valley Star is a student-run newspaper and learning lab. We are learning how to produce a newspaper, along with multiple computer programs and concepts and are expected to apply that knowledge immediately. In addition, our writers and photographers are representative of all levels of journalism education. All professional publications make mistakes. That's why they designate a section for corrections. We are no different. That's not to say we let mistakes slide on purpose, we don't. We use them to learn from.

The third issue I'd like to address is the matter of spellcheckers on word processors. You are right spellcheckers are valuable tools, but they are not 100% accurate either. For example, it would not have caught the only mistake from Issue 2 that you pointed out, the use of the wrong homonym. The incorrect usage of bare. I think your quip about wearing sleeveless shirts was funny, but it was less effective since you failed to have someone proofread your letter to catch your misspellings. Not only was sleeveless spelled incorrectly, but so were additionally and publicly (refer to letter above). However, we on staff realize that it's possible for anyone to make mistakes.

Thank you again for writing in to the Valley Star. We appreciate your feedback.

The Editor

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CampusView

What Study Techniques Work For You?

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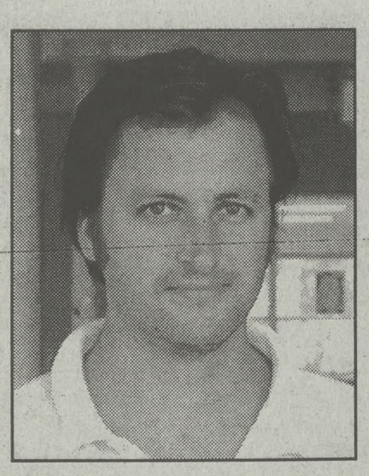
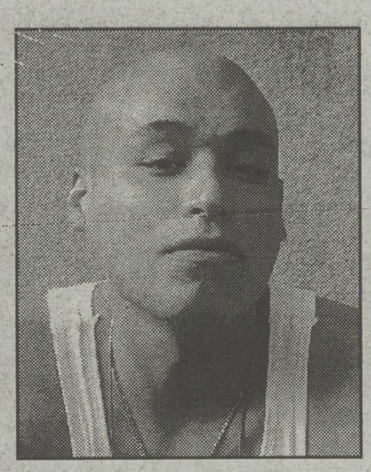


"What I like to do is take lots of notes and from that I can make flash cards. I'm a big believer in flashcards."

-Barnaby Shepherd-English

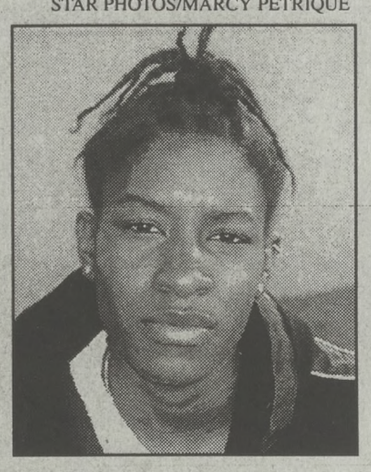
"Going over what ever notes I've taken in class. Whatever the teacher has talked about, I write down and that's what I study from and just reading the book."

-Victoria Martinez-Business



"Being alone and concentrating. Being able to do everything [and] not having any distractions, [and] just being alone with music, something that will get your mind working."

-Frank Gasca- Psychology



"I don't really study. It just comes to me."

-Camie Wiltshire-Undecided

You have a voice!!!

Write a letter to the editor
StareditorsLAVC@hotmail.com
Please include your name and telephone number
Letter may be edited. Deadline: Friday 4:30 p.m.

Valley Life

Campus Scene

■ **Career / Transfer Center**
Do you have questions about your major, carer, or the transfer process? Visit the Career/Transfer Center in Administration 126 or call (818) 947-2646 on Mondays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Take advantage of resources offered including college applications, transfer workshops, online college catalogs, internet access, career planning courses, and much more!

■ **Mark your calendars**
- Visit the Career/Transfer Center and make an appointment to meet with college representatives.
- Come in today and sign up to meet with representatives from UCLA, UC Irvine, and CSUN Oct. 1 and CSU Los Angeles on Oct. 4.
- Take advantage of our Transfer Admission Guarantee with CSUN, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Davis. Sign up today!

■ **Student Health Center**
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ **Mural Walk**
Have you often stared at the east side of Valley College and wondered about the mural on the west wall of the flood control channel stretching along Coldwater Blvd. between Burbank Blvd. and Oxnard St.? Join Professor Richard Raskoff on a tour of this outstanding mural and learn the history behind it. Meet in the Cafeteria Conference Room on Monday October 1st at 3 p.m.

■ **First Official Club Day**
Wednesday Oct. 3rd Monarch Square

■ **Homecoming Applications**
Wednesday Oct. 3rd, get your applications for Homecoming Court. This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time"

■ **Latino Dance Festival**
Wednesday Oct. 3rd11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monarch Square. Dancers in attendance will demonstrate dancing styles such as salsa, meringue, folklorico, and will aslo feature Aztec dancers

■ **Theater**
"44U2"- Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 4-6, and 11- 13

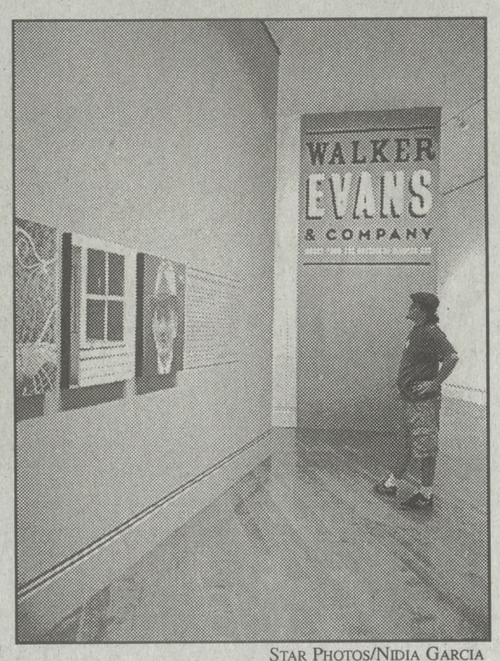
■ **Planetarium**
Planetarium Show "ET - The Real Search" on Friday, Oct. 19.

■ **College Fair**
All day event in Monarch Hall/Square on Tuesday, Oct. 23. Over 75 colleges and universities will be participating.

Let's Celebrate America

BY: NIDIA GARCIA
STAR REPORTER

What better way to celebrate the American spirit than with a visit to the John Paul Gettty Museum? The American Tradition & Walker Evans: Photographs from the Getty Collection is an exhibit that shows artists' work with similar style. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the first photographers to capture a moment in time as it was in daily American life. The title alone reveals that it should come as no surprise that what we would be seeing are all too familiar scenes. These photographs were made in the 1930s when the science of photography was still young. The subject of Evans' photographs were likewise early America at its best. In most of his photographs Walker Evans focuses his attention on places and people, displaying quintessential America.



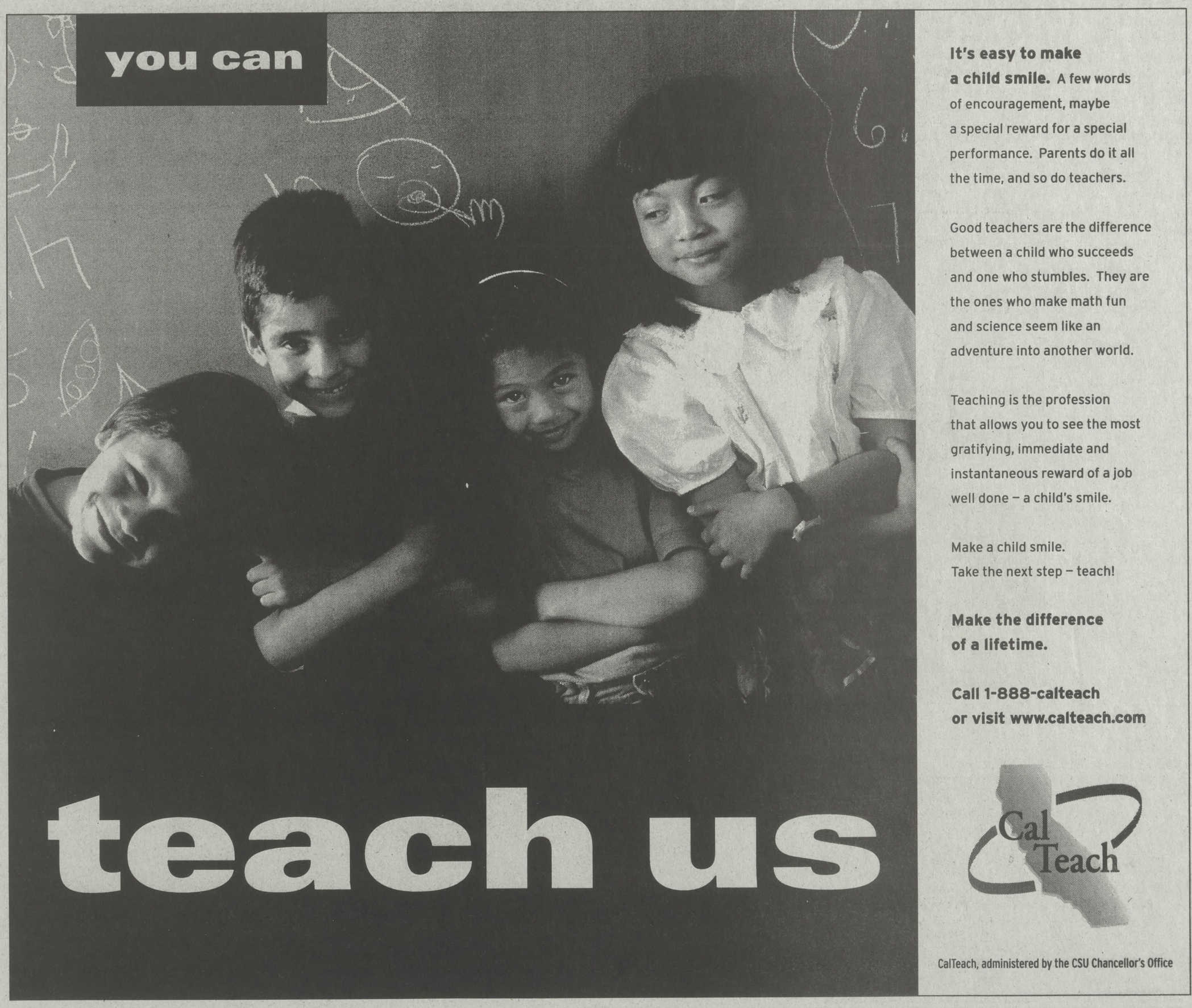
STAR PHOTOS/NIDIA GARCIA

The American Tradition & Walker Evans
July 10th through Oct. 28th
The J.Paul Getty Museum, 1200 Getty Center Drive
Los Angeles, California 90049 www.getty.edu

His photos convey simplicity without narrative. His inspiration was Americans and their environment. All his work is about people, how they traveled from place to place, interiors and exteriors of their homes and what influenced the things they bought. Most often the photographs are all highly objective, reflecting an appreciation for the diversity of the culture. The remarkable images of our society are something that Evans was sure to capture. By shooting a farmer and his artifacts or a more prominent household and its furnishings he showed us America as it really was and how the people in it were living. The farmer is in his one-room home surrounded by his family of five, a wife and two small children all barefoot and barely clothed sitting on a steel post bed with a single chair, no table, and a wash basin for rinsing in the corner of the room. This is a contrast to the next photo that is obviously a more distinguished home, also a bedroom with a bed layered by lace pillows and art on the walls with a carved wooden chair.

Evans became a professor of graphic design at Yale University in 1965. It is easy to see how Evans influenced others through his teachings and publication of photographs. His work was instrumental for other famous photographers and artists working with a variety of materials. Some of these include photographer Dorothea Lange, Edward Weston and artist Andy Warhol.

Evans' work was done mainly during the great depression and the images of what is old in a modern society were one of the things he especially loved to capture. In 1961 he said he was, "interested in what any present time will look like as the past." No matter how much the cities grew and present times changed, he visually caught daily life as it unfolded. One of my favorite photographs is the picture of an old rusted automobile abandoned and beyond repair. The automobile is parked on a front lawn of a whitewashed home and in the side garage, there is parked a newer version of the same antique. When the automobile was being manufactured on assembly line and Ford was becoming a common name, it showed that times had made an artifact such as this an expendable thing in a growing society.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It's easy to make a child smile. A few words of encouragement, maybe a special reward for a special performance. Parents do it all the time, and so do teachers.
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Sports

One for the Road

By: LeVon Davis
Star Reporter

This season the Monarchs have had their troubles. The team lost its first game to Long Beach City College in a blowout, 40–15. The Monarchs also lost the second game of the season to Golden West College, 14-3. The Rustlers had not won a game in three years.

Monarch coaches and players said that mistakes cost them both games. The question of the week was could the team avoid the same mistakes in Saturday's game against the East Los Angeles College?

The answer was yes.

Valley College improved its record to 1-2 (1-0 in conference) by defeating Los Angeles College (0-3), 19-15.

Coming into this game the Monarchs had only scored 18 points this season. The Monarchs had been outscored by their opponents by a margin of 54 to18 in their first two games. It looked like things would remain the same for Valley during Saturday's game.

The East Los Angeles Huskies scored early in the first quarter on a 7-yard touchdown pass and added a 2-point conversion for an 8-0 lead. The Huskies added another touchdown before the half to make the score 15-0.

STAR PHOTO/ JORGE GALLEGOS

Los Angeles Valley College Monarchs player avoids a east L.A. Huskie player as he tries to gain moreyards.

East Los Angeles played strong defense and held the Monarchs scoreless during the first two quarters.

The Monarchs coaches seemed to make the right adjustments during the half and the team finally put some points on the board. Kicker Geoff Marcus split the uprights with a 33-yard field goal early in the third quarter to cut the Husky lead to 15-3. Marcus added a second field goal with three minutes remaining in the third to make the score 15 –6,

The Monarch defense answered the challenge and kept the Huskies scoreless during the third and getting he ball back for the offense. The Monarchs' offence added a touchdown with 7:49 left in the fourth with a 1-yard touchdown run by Brandon Graham. The touchdown made the score 12-15. Bruce West came up with a key interception in the fourth to give the ball back to the offence. Graham scored his second touchdown of the quarter on a 2-yeard run to give the Monarchs their first lead of the game, 19-15.

The Monarchs held the lead to get their first win of t season and posted a 1-0 conference record.

Monarch Highlights:

-- Defense only allowed 19 yards in the second half

-- Linebacker Bruce West received Western State Conference Player of the Week honors for his performance Saturday. West finished the night with nine tackles, two batted balls, four hurries, and an interception.

-- First Victory

Monarchs Athlete of the Week

By: Pedro Oliver
Star Reporter

Los Angeles Valley College women's water polo standout Byanka Delgadillo has put together an outstanding season, thus far. The 19-year old is the Lady Monarchs leading scorer with 23 goals during their first 11 games.

You wouldn't know it by talking to her though. Her modesty was the most noticeable quality throughout our interview. Byanka describes herself as an energetic person. " I can be outgoing and shy at the same time. I also think I'm smart, but I think everyone is smart. I'm kind of lazy in school. I think I could get a 4.0 if I really applied myself."

.Byanka has always been involved with water polo, even though it isn't a relatively popular sport. She's had a lot of support from her family, especially her siblings. " I've been playing water polo ever since I was 11 years old. I also played softball as a kid, but had to give it up because my brother and sister wanted to take up swimming. It turned out to be good though because I ended up liking water polo a lot more. My older sister Yesenia really got me into water polo. She played for El Camino. My entire family has always been involved with swimming."

Byanka is at Valley after completing a stellar career at Santa Monica High School. There she was a starter for four years, and Santa Monica won the league championship all four years.

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Water polo's leading goal scorer Byanka Delgadillo

Byanka plans to continue playing water polo once she transfers, "Hopefully I can play for UCLA. I have always wanted to go to school there. If I don't get accepted, I would like to play Loyola Maramount or maybe CSUN."

Once she finishes with water polo, Byanka wants her profession to involve young children. " I have always loved kids. I want to be either a teacher, a counselor, or a social worker." She is already on her way to accomplishing her goals. She is majoring in sociology here at Valley. She also works at a day care center with children from ages five to ten. She is their tutor as well as the swim instructor.

She is also keeping her options open as she considers other career opportunities.

" Once I transfer, I might decide to switch my major to communications. I would like to be a news anchor reporter. I probably wont though because of how much I want to work with kids."

Byanka rarely has a spare moment. Between her classes, water polo matches and games, and her job, there is no room for hobbies. But when she does have some time she likes to spend it at the movies. " I love the movies. That's my favorite thing to do. That and have Sunday dinner with my friend's family. During the semester, I don't have that much time for anything else."

Byanka is very optimistic about the remainder of the season. " I think we have a good chance of getting first or second in conference. This is a really good team."

Inside the Lines

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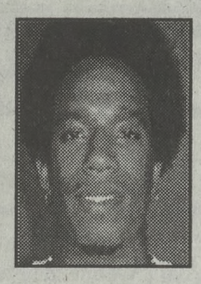
Sports Editor



This past week I was sitting in political science listening to my professor lecture on health care, and all of a sudden some books fall to the floor from the desk next to me. A student was sleeping in class and knocked her books to the ground. I was moved to say something because it seemed she didn't care about class, as she woke up I asked, "do you not care about where your tax dollars go, and why so much money goes into something that doesn't directly effect you."

Her response, "I have practice in two hours and I need my rest."

I thought to myself, oh excuse Los Angeles Valley College for putting classes in the way of your naptime. Maybe we shouldn't make you go to class but just let you show up for your advanced physical education class called practice.

It seems that student athletes today forget that student comes before athlete. We didn't coin the phrase athletic student. Athletes today are looking for that big pay off, 15 minutes of fame. The goals have changed from holding a once of respect, to holding a hand full of "bling bling".

What drives today's collegiate athlete to devote most of their time to sports and not enough time to school? The verdict is money. In America the sport industry is one of the biggest money making industries in the world, and one of the fastest ways to go from rags to riches. Today's pro athletes are making millions of dollars doing something they love. They receive public perks and unimaginable amounts of respect. In the year 2000 one of the lowest salary for the Major league Baseball was $165,000.00 a year. In football the lowest paid player on the team usually makes around $70,000.00 a year, keep in mind it's a 16-week season. Athletes at a very young age realize how much money can be made. Who wants to study when working out can bring in the cash, which wants to listen to lectures when a Saturday's game means exposure? I wouldn't, would you?

David Anderson wishes he knew what in the hell his college professors lectured about during his four years of college. Anderson who played at Merrimac University, stayed all four years, and then was drafted by the Kansas City Royals farm team. Anderson tore his rotator cup, lost his contract, and then couldn't hold a job. Why couldn't Anderson hold a job with a degree from a top University?

'School was an all out party, no need to study or take notes when you are going pro. So I thought." Said Anderson.

Stories like these are all too common. Athletes hear these stories everyday and don't pay them any attention. I have seen this on many campuses across America.

How much does it pay to be a well-rounded student? CNNSI reported that 79% of the athletes that make it to the professional level are college graduates. They know how to read contracts, manage their money or hire the right people to manage their money. 73% of pro athletes have some other kind of income besides their sports paycheck. Which means they know what is going on in the world, have business sense, and know how to relate to people from all walks of life. I asked several students athletes from different colleges if they knew how the stock market works, and if they could invest their money and get a handsome return? Every single athlete said no.

To be a student athlete automatically puts you in the public eye, which means your standard of living is going to be higher. Going to class for sleep, to be disruptive, and flat out ignorant is not acceptable. Complaining about how expensive schoolbooks are when you have $135 pair of shoes on your feet, doesn't add up. Sports should be the catapult for levels of higher learning, not the other way around.

STATS

Women's Water Polo

Mt Sac Tournament

Game 1

Valley - 3	vs	Riverside - 7
Valley -19	vs	El Camino - 2
Valley - 8	vs	San Diego - 5
Valley - 8	vs	Ventura - 12

Results
5th place

Football

L.A. Valley Monarchs - 19,
East L.A. Huskies - 15

Team	Quarter				
	1	2	3	4	F
L.A. Valley	0	0	6	13	-19
East L.A.	8	7	0	0	-15

East L.A. : Carson 7 yard reception, (two point conversion)
East L.A. : Johnson 4 yard reception, (Wilaikul kick)
LAVC : Marcus 33yard field goal
LAVC : Marcus 24 yard field goal
LAVC : Graham 1 yard run (failed extra point)
LAVC : Graham 3 yard run (Marcus extra point)

Cross Country

Reebok Golden West Central Park Classic

Men's Varsity

Team results

1. El Camino
2. Mt. Sac
3. Pasadena
4. Glendale
5. East Los Angeles
6. Los Angeles Valley
7. San Bernardino
8. Santa Monica
9. Moorpark
10.Saddleback
11.Mira Costa
13.Citrus
14.College of the Desert
15.Golden West
16.Los Angeles City

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12. Palomar
13. Long Beach City
14. Irvine Valley
15. Los Angeles Southwest

On the Field

Football Schedule:
Sept 29 vs Santa Barbara
7:00 pm @ home

Men's and Women's Cross Country Schedule:
Sept 29 - RCC Invintational
8:00 a.m @ Riverside

Men's and Women's Water Polo Schedule:
Oct 3 vs Santa Monica
@ Santa Monica